

## **Moran Announces Morris County Added to Disaster Declaration Granted for Kansas**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Jerry Moran announced today that Morris County has been added to the list of eligible counties to receive Public Assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as a result of severe winter storms and record, or near-record, snow during the period of March 26-29, 2009. A major disaster declaration for the State of Kansas was recently issued to help communities recover from the severe storm.

"Kansas communities affected by the March storms needed help with the costs of cleaning up their communities and recovering," Moran said. "I am glad that the request was approved and extended to Morris County so that citizens can continue to recover."

Federal Coordinating Officer Mike Karl said the assistance was approved based on a review of damage data gathered by federal, state and local disaster officials.

Moran, and Members of the Kansas delegation, supported a request for a disaster declaration that was sent to President Obama as a result of the March 2009 winter storms that hit southwest, northwest and south-central Kansas. Governor Mark Parkinson requested federal Public Assistance for 14 counties, snow removal assistance for 19 counties and Hazard

Mitigation for the entire state.

Morris County joins Barber, Barton, Butler, Chase, Chautauqua, Clark, Coffey, Comanche, Cowley, Dickinson, Edwards, Elk, Grant, Greenwood, Harvey, Haskell, Kearney, Kingman, Kiowa, Lyon, Marion, McPherson, Meade, Pratt, Reno, Rice, Seward, Stafford, Stanton, Stevens, Sumner and Woodson counties under the disaster declaration signed by President Obama on June 24, 2009.

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